The steps have resulted in introduction of unleaded petrol and catalytic converter fitted four wheeler petrol vehicles in the cities of Delhi, Mumbai, Calcutta and Chennai with effect from 1.4.1995. Low-lead petrol has been introduced in the entire country from 1 1.1997. Use of low sulphur diesel (0.5 per cent sulphur) in Delhi, Mumbai, Calcutta and Chennai has been introduced from 1.4.1996. Tighter emission norms for new vehicles have been introduced with effect from 1.4.1996. Fuel quality specifications for automotive fuels have been notified.

(c) Each State Government is responsible for control of pollution in that State. The Government of India formulates pollution control strategies for issues pertaining to prevention and abatement of air, water and industrial pollution. This includes, interalia,—notification of ambient air quality standards as also effluent and emission standards for the major categories of polluting industries. The Central Government lays down guidelines for siting of industries and major projects and provides for financial assistance for a scheme on construction of common effluent treatment plants for clusters of small scale industries. The Central Government plans to introduce unleaded petrol in all major cities and towns by 31.12.1998 and in the entire country by 1.4.2000. Introduction of Diesel with 0.25 per cent sulphur in the entire country is targeted for 1.4.1999. Stricter emission norms for new vehicles are to be brought into effect from 1.4.2000. A draft Action Plan to control pollution in Delhi has been prepared.

The action taken for controlling pollution in Maharashtra includes implementation of the World Bank aided Industrial Pollution Control Project, setting up of common effluent treatment plants in clusters of small scale units, and implementation of a plan for abatement of pollution in Chembur.

[English]

Stock of Explosives in Punjab

*95. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to news-item captioned "Alarm over RDX re-entry in Punjab" appearing in the 'The Hindu' dated the June 14, 1997;

(b) if so, the details of RDX and other dangerous explosives and weapons recovered in Punjab during the year 1997;

(c) whether RDX and other explosives and arms have been recovered in Jammu and Kashmir;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether there is any link between revival of terrorists activities in Punjab and continuing disruptive action in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Statement I is attached.

(c) and (d) Statement II is attached.

(e) and (f) Under its current game plan, Pak, ISI has made fresh efforts to forge linkage between Punjab militants and insurgent groups of Jammu & Kashmir, fundamentalist groups and mercenaries to widen the arc of militancy in India. The recent incidents of terrorism in Punjab can be attributed to such an effort. However, adequate counter measures and coordinated efforts have been initiated to defeat such designs.

Statement I

Details of RDX and Other Dangerous Explosives/Weapons Recovered in Punjab During the Year 1997

ARMS	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	Total
AK-47/56 Rifles			1					1
Pistol/Revolver					1			1
Magazines			2					2
Live Cartridges/Cartridge			1012	47 Nos.	30 Nos.			1089
Wire			6 bundles					6 bundles
EXPLOSIVE MATERIALS								
Grenades/Hand Grenade				2 Nos.	2 Nos.		1 No.	5 Nos.
RDX (in Kgs.)			45 Kgs.				13 Kgs.	58 Kgs.

Statement II

Arms and Explosive Material Including RDX Recovered in J & K During 1997 (January, 1997 to June, 1997)

ARMS	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	Total
AK-47/56 Rifles	100	113	152	151	179	169	864
Pistol/Revolver	80	57	62	63	104	102	468
UMGs	2	1	3	8	9	6	29
RPGs	4	1	0	1	1	5	12
GPMGs	0	0	3	0	1	1	5
SLRs	0	1	0	0	0	4	5
Pika guns	2	5	3	0	1	3	14
Sniper Rifles	1	0	3	10	5	5	24
Rocket Launchers	8	5	2	7	12	14	48
EXPLOSIVE MATERIALS							
Grenades/Hand Grenades	377	240	315	438	681	782	2833
Rifles, Grenades	58	61	66	72	116	132	505
Improvised Explosive Device	153	9	12	233	184	131	722
Explosive Material (in Kgs.)	177	185	652	251	313.3	199 + (33 Sticks)	1777.30 (33 Sticks)
Detonators	428	266	325	640	1213	925	3797
RDX (in Kgs.)	2	0	0	0	14	65	81